



St George Maronite Catholic Church, Thornleigh

Our Parish

4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Sunday 21st April 2024

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The Gospel

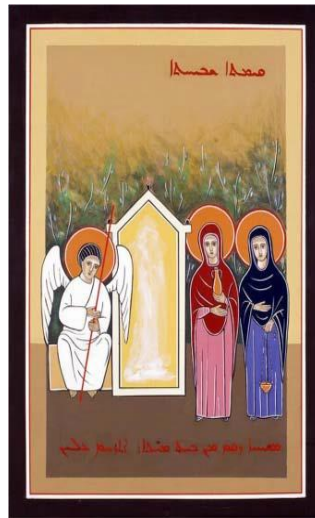
John 21: 1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Season of the Resurrection

الإنجيل

يو ٢١: ١-١٤



بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ، ظَهَرَ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ مَرَّةً أُخْرَى عَلَى بَحِيرَةِ طَبْرِيَّةَ، وَهَكَذَا ظَهَرَ: كَانَ سِمْعَانُ بَطْرُسُ، وَتُومَا الْمُلَقَّبُ بِالْتَّوَامِ، وَتَتْنَائِيلُ الَّذِي مِنْ قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَأَبْنَا زَبْدَى، وَتَلْمِيذَانِ آخَرَانِ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِ يَسُوعَ، مُجْتَمِعِينَ مَعًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ سِمْعَانُ بَطْرُسُ: «أَنَا ذَاهِبٌ أَصْطَادُ سَمَكًا». قَالُوا لَهُ: «وَنَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَأْتِي مَعَكَ». فَخَرَجُوا وَرَكِبُوا السَّفِينَةَ، فَمَا أَصَابُوا فِي تِلْكَ اللَّيْلَةِ شَيْئًا. وَلَمَّا طَلَعَ الْفَجْرُ، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ عَلَى الشَّاطِئِ، وَلَكِنَّ التَّلَامِيذَ لَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «يَا فِتْيَانِ، أَمَا عِنْدَكُمْ قَلِيلٌ مِنَ السَّمَكِ؟». أَجَابُوهُ: «لَا!». فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَلْقُوا الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى يَمِينِ السَّفِينَةِ تَجِدُوا». وَأَلْفُوهَا، فَمَا قَدِرُوا عَلَى أَجْنَادِهَا مِنْ كَثْرَةِ السَّمَكِ. فَقَالَ ذَلِكَ التَّلْمِيذُ الَّذِي كَانَ يَسُوعُ يُحِبُّهُ لِبَطْرُسُ: «إِنَّهُ الرَّبُّ!». فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ سِمْعَانُ بَطْرُسُ أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ، انْتَرَزَ بِثَوْبِهِ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عُرْيَانًا، وَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ فِي الْبَحِيرَةِ. أَمَا التَّلَامِيذُ الْآخَرُونَ فَجَاؤُوا بِالسَّفِينَةِ، وَهُمْ يَسْحَبُونَ الشَّبَكَةَ الْمَمْلُوءَةَ سَمَكًا، وَمَا كَانُوا يَعْبِدِينَ عَنِ الْبَرِّ إِلَّا نَحْوَ مِئَتِي ذِرَاعٍ. وَلَمَّا نَزَلُوا إِلَى الْبَرِّ، رَأَوْا جَمْرًا، وَسَمَكًا عَلَى الْجَمْرِ، وَخُبْزًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «هَاتُوا مِنَ السَّمَكِ الَّذِي أَصَبْتُمُوهُ الْآنَ». فَصَعَدَ سِمْعَانُ بَطْرُسُ إِلَى السَّفِينَةِ، وَجَذَبَ الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى الْبَرِّ، وَهِيَ مَمْلُوءَةٌ سَمَكًا كَبِيرًا، مِئَةً وَثَلَاثًا وَخَمْسِينَ. وَمَعَ هَذِهِ الْكَثْرَةِ لَمْ تَمْرُقِ الشَّبَكَةُ. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «هَلُمُّوا تَعَدُّوا». وَلَمْ يَجْرُؤْ أَحَدٌ مِنَ التَّلَامِيذِ أَنْ يَسْأَلَهُ: «مَنْ أَنْتَ؟»، لِأَنَّهُمْ عَلِمُوا أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ. وَتَقَدَّمَ يَسُوعُ وَأَخَذَ الْخُبْزَ وَنَاوَلَهُمْ. ثُمَّ فَعَلَ كَذَلِكَ بِالسَّمَكِ. هَذِهِ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً ظَهَرَ فِيهَا يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ بَعْدَ أَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ.

Next Sunday

5th Sunday of the Resurrection

Old Testament Reading

Ezk 34: 11-16, 23-25a

Epistle

Eph 2: 1-10

Gospel

John 21: 15-19

Divine Liturgy and Services

Sundays: 9:00am (Arabic), 11:00am (Arabic/English), 6:00pm (English)

Mondays and Tuesdays: 9:00am

Wednesdays – Saturdays: 6:00pm

Confessions: By Appointment

Sick Visits: Contact Clergy or the Parish Office (contact details below)

Parish and Ministry Team and Contact Details

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Bishops Message Year of Prayer

4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are all saddened by the recent acts of violence in NSW over the past week; such senseless attacks are always to be condemned. The Maronite Eparchy of Australia denounces violence in all its forms and expresses deep concern over the incidents that took place in Bondi Junction and at Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Wakeley.

Our hearts are heavy as we think of the victims of the violence that unfolded at Bondi Junction Westfield shopping centre last Saturday. We pray for the six victims, their families, the first responders, all those who witnessed the senseless violence and all those affected by this tragedy in any way.

We are also very concerned by the incident in the Church in Wakeley on Monday evening. As people of faith, we respect one another's religions and we must all ensure that no one feels intimidated when attending their places of worship. We are reassured that Mar Mari Emmanuel and all those injured are in stable condition, and we pray for their complete healing and recovery.



The events of recent days challenge us all. This week's Gospel reminds us that we are also fishermen. We are also called to draw people to Christ and that must be through our words and actions. During challenging times, we must be even more prudent about how we speak and what we share with others, including what we post on social media. I ask that you be mindful of what you share in WhatsApp groups, especially given young people in those groups may be viewing the content.

What we do and say defines us all as Christians and can inspire others. "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear." - Ephesians 4:29

As a community of fishermen, we must work together to keep building each other up and remain calm. As citizens we are responsible for doing our part to help protect the security and order of this Nation. That includes taking lawful direction from Police and Government, in order to help prevent a repeat of what occurred last week. And we thank them for all they do for us.

I invite you to join me in continued prayer for everyone impacted and for all the victims of senseless violence both in Australia and around the world. Let us also actively advocate for dialogue and the use of proper channels in solving problems and differences.

In these weeks of the Glorious Resurrection, let us all remain calm in the joy of the Risen Lord. Remember that Our Lord conquered fear and darkness to bring hope and light. May the love and light of our Lord Jesus Christ guide our actions as we navigate through these times.

+ **Antoine-Charbel Tarabay**

Reflection of the Week: "Christ in the Everyday"

Life ebbs and flows. We have our good days and our bad days. There is time for work and time for leisure. Through it all, Christ is with us, as our Sunday Gospel passage reminds us.

The disciples continue to live in despondency after the death of Jesus. The reality that Christ is risen from the dead has not yet sunk in. So, the disciples return to what is familiar and safe - their work as fishermen. It is a physically challenging life and they are at it all night. They are so immersed in their work and deep in sorrow that they did not realise, 'day had already broken' (v4). Jesus 'who was standing on the shore' was not noticed, until he calls out to them and engages their hearts and minds. After that we could say, all was 'smooth sailing'.

Like the disciples, we need to lift our eyes away from our inner sorrow to see the horizon where the light of hope always rises. To simply toil and struggle and drown in our own sorrow is not God's intention. Hope comes to us at each new morning, dawning on us and enlightening our hearts and minds. We are meant to be people who live with Christ, the Risen One.

Jesus isn't meant to be a past memory but alive and part of our daily working lives, blessing us with abundance and nurturing us into fullness of life. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn mshf



St George: Soldier of Christ

St George is also known as Victory Bringer. Several stories have been attached to Saint George, the best known of which is the Golden Legend. A dragon lived in a lake near Silena, Libya. Whole armies had gone up against this fierce creature, and had gone down in painful defeat. The monster ate two sheep each day; when mutton was scarce, lots were drawn in local villages, and maidens were substituted for sheep.



Hearing the story on a day when a princess was to be eaten, he crossed himself, rode to battle against the serpent, and killed it with a single blow with his lance. George then held forth with a magnificent sermon, and converted the locals.

Given a large reward by the king, George distributed it to the poor, and then rode away. Due to his chivalrous behaviour, devotion to Saint George became popular in the Europe after the 10th century. In the 15th century his feast day was as popular and important as Christmas.

Many of his areas of patronage have to do with life as a knight on horseback. St George was tortured and beheaded in the year c.304 in Lydda, Palestine.

Parish News and Upcoming Events



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St George Feast

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Saturday
April 20th 2024
from 5.00 pm - 9.00pm

St George Church Carpark
2 Yarrara Rd, Thornleigh

MONSIGNOR MARCELINO & ST GEORGE YOUTH COMMITTEE

warmly invite you to our beloved church to celebrate

ST GEORGE FEAST

MASS & YOUTH HAFLE

We hope you will join us to enjoy the festivities including food stalls & music

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST 2024

MASS STARTS AT 6:00PM
FOLLOWED BY OUR 7:00PM HAFLE

For any enquiries please contact
Georgina on 0433 550 425

We look forward to sharing this evening with you

ST GEORGE FEAST

14 April - 23rd April

MASS AND SPIRITUAL EVENING



Rosary, Prayers, Confession

MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2024

6:00PM - MASS AND ST GEORGE NOVENA

7:30PM - SPIRITUAL EVENING

CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT

ST GEORGE FEAST

14 April - 23rd April

ST GEORGE FEAST DAY

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2024
7:00PM

SOLEMN FEAST MASS CELEBRATED BY HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP ANTOINE-CHARBEL TARABAY

FOLLOWED BY HRISSI AND SODALITY SUPPER




The Committee of the Venerable Patriarch Mar Estephan Al Douaihy in Australia invites you to a

Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the 320th Anniversary of his Passing

Celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay Maronite Bishop of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania

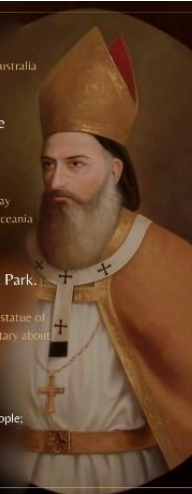
on Sunday 5 May 2024 at 11:00am at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, Harris Park.

Following the Liturgy, there will be an unveiling of a statue of Patriarch Al Douaihy and the screening of a documentary about his life in the Cathedral hall.

Refreshments will be served.

"Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name." (Psalm 30:4)

This is a public invitation.



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A PILGRIMAGE FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF THE VENERABLE ESTEPHAN EL DOUAIHY

ITALY, GREECE & LEBANON

18 JULY - 3 AUGUST 2024

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COST FOR PILGRIMAGE

Flights & Acc. (per person twin share) - \$9,500
Flights & Acc. (per person single room) - \$11,590

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Month of May

Month of Mary



VISITATION OF MARY TO YOUR HOME

For bookings, please register your details at the Church Door or contact the Parish Office




ROSARY NIGHT

MONDAY'S 7.30PM

FERSAN 2024

COMMENCING FRIDAY 3RD MAY

4-5.30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 0406997100




ST GEORGE PLAYGROUP

EVERY FRIDAY 10am - 12pm during school term

Children 0-5 Years

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For more information, please contact Mary 0422 871 197




Senior Program

Wednesdays 9:00am - 4:00pm

If anyone is interested in joining the Seniors Program or volunteering, please contact:
Zaride 0417 427 661
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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MONTHLY FOOD RUNS

MEAL ITEMS SUCH AS: Sandwiches, Fruit, Hot Meals, Cakes, Bread

For more information please contact:
Ann-Marie Boumerhe 0420 309 677
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Memorial Masses

نوايا القداسات

Sunday 21 st April 2024	9am	Mass for the Late Mourad and Badiha Khoudair	قداس المرحومين مراد وبديعة خضير	٩ :٠٠	الاحد ٢١ نيسان ٢٠٢٤
	11am	Mass for the Late Maroun Joseph Ghaleb	قداس السنة المرحوم مارون جوزيف غالب	١١ :٠٠	
Monday 22 nd April 2024	9am	Funeral Mass for the Late Afifih Hanna Sassine	دفن المرحومة عفيفة حنا ساسين	٩ :٠٠	الاثنين ٢٢ نيسان ٢٠٢٤
Saturday 27 th April 2024	6pm	Mass for the Late Fouad and Josephine Kazzi, Milia and Michelle	قداس المرحومين فؤاد وجوزفين قزي، ميليا وميشال	٦ :٠٠	السبت ٢٧ نيسان ٢٠٢٤
Sunday 28 th April 2024	11am	Mass for the Late Youssef Salim Nakhle Daoud	قداس المرحوم يوسف سليم نخل داود	١١ :٠٠	الاحد ٢٨ نيسان ٢٠٢٤

Parish Financial Updates

Parish Income (fortnight 18/03/2024 – 21/04/2024)
TBA

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Parish Operations Account
\$77,456.62

Parish Loan Balance
\$433,306.41



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